

THE FUND'S BIG LIFT.

Nearly \$1,000 Raised at the Long Beach Hotel Last Night.

A Ladies' Fair Makes the Banner Contribution for the Sick Babies.

Seven More Physicians Appointed on the Evening World's Corps Yesterday.

Nell Nelson Visits the Five Points and Describes the Scenes of Misery.

One Hundred and Fifty Sick Infants Treated in One Great Tenement-House.

THE EVENING WORLD'S Fund for Sick and Poor Babies has lost none of its force as a potent factor of charitable impulse. It is a pleasant trait of human nature that the favored children of fortune who linger by the cool breeze of ocean or in the ozone of mountain air during these hot days awaken readily to the inspiration to succor the suffering little ones who wall in close, stuffy tenement-houses.

Nearly a thousand dollars after two days of preparation and three or four hours' sale of fine articles last night is the superb contribution of Long Beach Hotel to the Baby Fund.

Hurray for this record-breaking effort of the kind folk who are the guests of Mr. Devine.

Yes, this warm wave of charity which has struck the Summer resorts got in a tumultuous hit at Long Beach.

"Let us have a fair for THE EVENING WORLD'S Sick Baby Fund," said the eldest of hostesses, John T. Devine, proprietor of the Long Beach Hotel, on last Monday.

The ladies assented with alacrity. So did the gentlemen. They wanted a fortnight to get it up.

"We will have it next Wednesday night," said Mr. Devine, who believes in striking the iron while it is hot.

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The ballroom at the end of the immense hotel was charmingly decorated with Japanese lanterns, American flags and every sort of decorative device. It is a large room, with a fine ceiling and walled floor. The prettily draped booths made attractive patches of color. Mr. Devine had imported from contiguous growths of green (contiguous means six miles at Long Beach) a number of cedar trees, which were noted in white-painted tubs and formed an alley of verdure through which the fair dames who were to minister to the needs of poor tenement-house babies trooped like a flock of gayly plumed birds.

It was wonderful to see such elaborate picturesque results in arranging the room with such a short allowance of time for it.

An orchestra of twelve pieces surrounded the sweetest music throughout the evening. In an hour after the fair opened the tables had been cleared of nearly all the varied and exquisite things that stocked them. The bright eyes and graceful figures of the pretty girls who vended the wares were more than nine-tenths of the cause of this.

It was surprising that two days could have produced such results. The tables were around the room, festooned with boughs of oak leaves and ribbons of a delicate green. Above flashed the myriad lights that threw their gleam on the bright faces aglow with charity and beauty.

In the centre of the room was the fancy table, a pentagonal affair draped in snowy folds. In charge of this table were Miss Terry, J. S. Hollinshead, H. H. J. Peters, Dr. Peterson, L. A. Williams, Leo Steyer, David Bettman, M. J. Macdonald, J. H. Strass, J. J. Barry, Wilhelm and Fanny Martin, Grachana, Henderson and Mrs. Brush.

The Flower Table, which blossomed with roses and the choicest flowers, was presided over by Mrs. Matilda Doelger, Herbert Rosenfeld, John Barry, Wilhelm and Fanny Martin, Grachana, Henderson and Mrs. Brush.

The tea table was a unique feature of the bazaar. The Countess Mitkevitch presided over the table, which was set with the tea regatta's were nearly all sold at the paltry sum of 25 cents apiece before the beverages which should have accompanied them was on hand at all. Thirty-one dollars and a half were reaped at this table.

Mrs. Peter Doelger, who supplied the principal things that stocked the toy table, was assisted by Mrs. Matilda Doelger in selling Indian rubber balls and putta percha babies to dear little boys of 40 and 50 years old.

The great feature of the table was a marvelous French doll that looked like an East River suicide, and sold at \$2 a chance. Miss Lilly Doelger won it.

The lemonade stand, which really had a needless amount of real lemon juice in it, was dispensed by Miss Yatz and two charming daughters of Count Mitkevitch.

The children's toy table must not be forgotten, as the little ones invited their elders in a most enticing way. The young people in charge of this were Misses Carrie Frankenthal, Walter Friedlander, Grace Haverford, Madeline Doelger, Herbert Rosenfeld, John Barry, Allan Cohn, Ralph Mitkevitch, Walton Frankenthal, Ned Pacher, Louis Einstein and Van Housenauer Burr. Dr. Wright Steyer, Roland Bettman and John Lehmann.

The Japanese table, with its odd examples of the fine art of that aesthetic race, was dealt with fittingly by Miss J. E. Hoffman and T. H. Cohn.

Mr. George E. Walter was very active as Master of Ceremonies.

At the end of the fair the few articles that remained added the merriment and playful bids of the bystanders. Everybody entered into the spirit of the occasion and they

NOW TO SUPPLANT O'BRIEN.

GREAT GIRDING UP OF LOINS FOR THE FIGHT IN THE EIGHTH.

Golden Rule Hall Secured by the Silk Stockings for the Reorganization and Re-enrollment Act—Custom-House Positions Promised to Anti-O'Brienites Who Will Enroll.

At last the Committee appointed by Chairman S. V. R. Cruger to undertake the reorganization of the Republicans in John J. O'Brien's rotten borough, the Eighth Assembly District, has decided on the time when a re-enrollment will be attempted.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week they will hold forth at Golden Rule Hall, in Rivington street, between Norfolk and Essex streets, and will attempt to find among the applicants for enrollment enough "pure" politicians to form an organization which will suit Police Justice Jacob Patterson and ex-Coroner John R. Nugent.

The same test of qualification will be applied as in the case of the Fifth District, where every applicant had to declare that he had voted for the entire Republican ticket at the last election to render himself eligible for enrollment.

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PERIL IS PAST.

To-Day's and Last Night's Rains Have Done Small Damage.

Returns from New Jersey Show Much Damage to Crops.

Prophet Devos Predicts a Big Storm for Aug. 11 and 12.

Railroads Repair Damage and Trains Are Running on Time To-Day.

Heavy rains continued to fall last night and this morning. It is now raining briskly throughout Northern New York as far west as Lake Erie, and throughout all New England. Indeed, the rainstorm extends along almost the entire Atlantic coast.

The rainfall in New York City, from 10 o'clock yesterday morning to 10 o'clock this morning, was 1.38 inches. The rainstorm seems to have been heaviest in Virginia, and at Lynchburg the rainfall was 1.90 inches. At Washington it was 1.32; at Boston, 1.22.

The storm was confined to the Atlantic coast and was caused by sea winds, laden with moisture, blowing in from the south-east and encountering cold winds from the West.

The moisture in the air is pretty well exhausted, however, and the predictions for the next twenty-four hours are generally for fair weather with occasional light showers.

BRICKS AND PUMPS IN NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey is still in a very watery condition, but the people have recovered from the shock which the flood gave them and are today working like Trojans to repair the damage wrought by the waters.

In Bloomfield the people have turned to work with buckets and pumps and the water is being rapidly taken from the flooded cellars.

In other parts of the State can be seen the farmers endeavoring to put in condition their gardens. Fences are being patched up and repaired. The trains of all the railroads are running on time and the flood is rapidly subsiding. Reports, good and bad, are coming in from all parts of the State.

HARLEM RIVER TRAINS ALL RIGHT.

The rain of last night and this morning did not delay any of the trains coming into this city either at the Grand Central Depot or elsewhere.

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THE AESCHBACH FAMILY CIRCLE.

Twenty-One Children; Twelve Now Living. The Record of Mrs. Aeschbach, of Hoboken.

(See Maternity Competition on third page.)



this section will increase over the Mississippi Valley.

From Aug. 5 to 10 the severest storm of the season will occur, its greatest severity being manifested in Southern Illinois.

This storm will move in a northeasterly direction with the heaviest rain falling over this section.

On Aug. 10 heavy depressions of the barometer will concentrate on the Atlantic coast and violent north-east gales will sweep over this section.

My advice to masters of vessels, yachtsmen and excursionists who contemplate braving the perils of the deep on Aug. 10 and 11, is, "Don't do it."

NO ALARM AT ELIZABETH.

The Men Who Opened the Reservoir Gates Censured.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 1.—The heavy rain here last night made people anxious and uneasy, but nothing came of it. All danger is now believed to be passed. In Price, Mulberry, Harrison and Crane streets, where the flood was the highest, hundreds of people are bailing water from their cellars.

People here are disposed to censure the watchman who opened the reservoir gates. Every one is at work, and the damage is being rapidly repaired.

Work is being resumed in the warehouses and lumber yards that were deserted yesterday.

Thunderbolt at Arlington.

ARLINGTON, N. J., Aug. 1.—The waters here did not do very much damage. Down by the railroad several hundred yards of fence came down and a few cellars were flooded.

A bolt of lightning struck the house of Volkman, the doctor, who lives near the corner, on Tuesday afternoon. It tore off a slice of the roof, damaging it to the extent of \$20. No one was hurt, and the lightning did not penetrate the house.

Trouble Over at Montclair.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Aug. 1.—The worst inconvenience people suffer here is from the water flooding the cellars. There was trouble from the train of the Erie road being blocked in Chestnut Hill cut, a mile below here. The water poured through there over the tracks in a solid stream which at one time was six feet deep, and washed down huge banks of earth on the tracks. All is running smoothly now.

Bridge Down at Englewood.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Aug. 1.—Two street bridges were washed away by the flood, which seemed to rise suddenly and lift the structures from their foundations. A good many cellars have been filled with water, and scores of people are working with buckets and pumps. Beyond the tearing away of the bridges no damage was done.

Hide Tide at Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 1.—The tide in the river is very high and comes over the wharves, endangering the lumber stored along the river front. The streets on the outskirts of the city are considerably cut up, and it will take time and money to repair them. No immediate danger is apprehended.

Cave-In at Panmure.

PANMURE, N. J., Aug. 1.—P. McGillem's boat-building establishment was undermined, and it was thought at one time that it would fall. Several banks of earth caved in on the track just below the station, but are being removed.

It Gave a Pond to Ridgewood.

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., Aug. 1.—All that remains of the flood here is a large pond on ex-Alderman Duff's property, in which a score of boys are sailing about on improvised rafts. A few cellars were filled.

Lumber Washed Away.

VERONA, N. J., Aug. 1.—The damage was confined to the washing away of some lumber being used in the erection of some new houses. Fences were undermined and torn down.

Crops Destroyed at Tenafly.

TENAFLY, N. J., Aug. 1.—No damage was done here by the storm. Reports from the farmers, though, say that the crops are badly damaged.

Stirring Up City Ordinance Violators.

The monthly report of the new Corporation Attorney, Louis Stecker, shows that he has collected over \$600 in penalties for violation of city ordinances. This is a remarkably good showing, being an increase of \$400 over the collection by Corporation Attorney Boyd in the month of June.

FLACK DIVORCED.

Our Sheriff Respondent in a Suit Brought Secretly By His Wife.

Found Leading a Double Life Under an Assumed Name.

The Order Made By Judge Bookstaver, of the Common Pleas.

Extraordinary Measures Taken to Keep the Facts From the Public.

Even the most intimate friends of Sheriff James A. Flack were taken completely by surprise this morning by the disclosure that his wife, Mary E. Flack, had obtained an absolute divorce from him.

The decree was granted by Judge Bookstaver, of the Court of Common Pleas, three weeks ago, and so successful were the efforts made to conceal the proceedings that no one suspected that the Sheriff had been divorced.

The case was never placed upon the calendar of the Court, as is usually done, and there was no published notice of the appointment of Joseph Meeks as referee.

Mrs. Flack was represented by Lawyer Benjamin Wright, whose office is in the Potter Building, and several hearings were held before the referee, who is an employee of the County Clerk's office.

Mr. Flack did not make any answer to the suit, leaving the case to go by default. The referee reported in favor of an absolute divorce for the plaintiff on the ground of the adultery of the defendant.

Judge Bookstaver handed down his decree a few days after the referee had submitted his report, ordering that the record be kept sealed and was not to be opened except by the order of the Court on the application of one of the parties interested.

There was no publication even of the fact that the decree had been granted in such a manner as to keep the fact of the divorce a secret. The fact of the granting of the divorce was made public.

All those interested in any way in the proceedings who could be found this morning manifested the most extreme reticence.

Lawyer Wright, who represents the interests of the plaintiff, declined to give the full particulars of his client's case, and refused to give even the names of the co-respondent and the witnesses.

He merely confirmed the report that for two years past the defendant, whom he had not seen at all during the proceedings, had been leading a double life and had been supporting a mistress in a luxurious establishment not very far from where his wife lived.

The latter discovered this finally, and learned that her husband at his other home went under an assumed name.

All this came out in the testimony before the referee, who could be found this morning at the County Clerk's office.

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He was finally nominated and elected County Clerk, which lucrative office he held for a full term, and then stepped from there into the Sheriff's chair at the last election.

At the present time he is one of the Schemers of the Tammany Society, and is one of the big chiefs of the Wigwam.

A REFUGE BEHIND BARS.

William Bethwell Living Down a Drunkard's Appetite in Jail.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Among the inmates of Dedham Jail is William Bethwell, an Englishman by birth, who has spent most of the last thirty years in the jail.

He was originally committed at his own request, and has remained of his own volition. He was born in Warrington, Lancashire, where he received an excellent education.

When in his teens, it is said, he was sent to a reformatory for his parents to reform him to such an extent that he left his home and never returned.

He was not without money, and after coming to America he spent a short period in New York, and then came to Boston, where he located and carried on a successful tailoring business.

He fell a victim to the wine cup, however, and became an habitual drunkard.

One day he got into an appearance in the town of Dedham. He was financially embarrassed, and his creditors were after him.

A complaint made out in the form of law was preferred against him, and he was sentenced to a short period of confinement for vagrancy or drunkenness.

That was the beginning of the jail life which he has stretched through so many years since.

A SNAKE IN THE HEN-HOUSE.

And His Reptileship Had Swallowed Two China Nest Eggs.